

## Memories of Tivoli

by Dollie Ellis of Chipping Campden (15th October 2004)

Dollie was the daughter of Daniel Cox and was born at 6, Princes Terrace, Princes Road. Born Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Moved when about 2 to 2 Dagmar Road, second house on left as you enter from Princes Road. Father was a gardener. Dollie's sister married the great grandson of William Brown who carved the Caryatides in Montpellier, and lives in Welland Lodge Road.

Dollie attended **St Stephen's School in Albany Road**, until moving to Christ Church School.

She used to walk to school behind a fanciable neighbour, also going to Christ Church, who lived at No 1 Dagmar – Ronald Greenslade. Dollie attended Sunday school at St Stephen's. Remembers Rev Hodson very well.

In Princes Road, opposite the entrance to Dagmar lived Doris Roberts whose mum was the ticket seller and gate keeper to the Montpellier Gardens, working in the little kiosk there.

The second house down in Oakfield Street was the home of Mr Ottoburn, a Dentist.

Mr Painter was the landlord of the Royal Union.

Dollie played at the Woodlands on the Humpty Dumps, large grassed mounds left after the excavations for the railway line.

She has vivid memories of milk delivery by Frank the milkman – mum would go out with a jug and have the milk measured out.

Mrs Minchella with her ice cream cart was renowned for selling from door to door. She had a walnut wrinkled face.

The dustmen came right through the house to the back garden with wicker baskets on their shoulders to collect the rubbish.

Mr Tuck lived nearby – a tram driver.

At 3, Dagmar was Mr Bee with a tailor shop in his garden – really just a shed.

Dan Lewis of Tivoli Street (?) had a son who committed suicide by putting his head in the gas oven. (Was this Dan the snail eater?)

Mrs Rutland's shop was just on left in Tivoli Road as you entered from Princes. Sold sweets, groceries etc.

Shop on corner of Lypiatt sold groceries. There was a Bakehouse in Lypiatt Street

Dollie remembers Suffolk Hall as St Dunstan's Home for blinded soldiers. They were taken out for fresh air 'walks' in wicker pram-type vehicles.

Crossways was surrounded by high brick wall all round.

Dollie left Tivoli in 1924 to move with her parents to Uckington.